

“Having power given them to do all things”

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President Ezra Taft Benson said;

“Faith in Jesus Christ consists of **complete reliance** on Him. As God, He has infinite power, intelligence, and love. There is no human problem beyond His capacity to solve. Because He descended below all things (see D&C 122:8), He knows how to help us rise above our daily difficulties.” He continued,

“[Jesus Christ] possesses all the attributes of the divine nature of God. He is virtuous, patient, kind, long-suffering, gentle, meek, and charitable. If we are weak or deficient in any of these qualities, He stands willing to strengthen and compensate...” (Ezra Taft Benson, “Jesus Christ: Our Savior and Redeemer,” *Ensign*, Jun 1990)

At President Hinckley’s funeral, President Henry B. Eyring said 5 things about his faith;

1. “His optimism was justified not by confidence in his own power to work things out, but by his great faith that God’s powers were in place. He knew that a loving Heavenly Father had prepared a way...”
2. “His optimism stemmed from his unwavering faith in Jesus Christ and the power of His atonement.”
3. “The faith in his heart left no room for doubt or fear.”
4. “He more than hoped that things would work out. He knew they would if only he would go forward with faith.”
5. “His optimism came from his youthful choice to consecrate all he had, to the Savior and His work, out of faith.”

Elder Richard G. Scott said;

“Your exercise of faith builds character. Fortified character expands your capacity to exercise greater faith. Thus, your confidence in making correct decisions is enhanced. And the strengthening cycle continues. The more your character is fortified, the more enabled you are to exercise the power of faith for yet stronger character.” (Elder Richard G. Scott, *Truth: The foundation of Correct Decisions*, *Ensign*, Nov. 2007)

In May of 1829 Joseph Smith came to the Peter Whitmer farm to finish translating the Book of Mormon.

“All these activities were not easy on Peter and Mary Whitmer, who were hosting the Smiths and Oliver Cowdery in their home. Their son, David, said that this added burden greatly increased the anxiety of his mother. She did not complain, but she felt overwhelmed. David later related what happened one day as his mother went to the barn to milk the cows;

“She was met out near the yard by [a very pleasant, nice looking] old man who said to her; ‘You have been very faithful and diligent in your labors, but you are tired because of the increase of your toil; it is proper therefore that you should receive a witness that your faith may be strengthened.’ Thereupon he, [Moroni,] showed her the plates.” This event strengthened Mary Whitmer and her family as they continued to support Joseph Smith and the important work he was engaged in.” Close Quote. ([Church History in the Fulness of Times](#), Religion 341-43, pages 57-58)

Story of the Children of Israel. Joshua and Caleb...(Numbers 13-14 and Stay the Course – Keep the Faith, Gordon B. Hinckley, *Ensign*, Nov 1995, 70)

Helaman said of the Ammonite Sons:

“... to my great joy, there had not one soul of them fallen to the earth; yea, and they had fought *as if with the strength of God*; yea, never were men known to have fought with such *miraculous strength*;” (Alma 56:56, italics added)

“Where doubt is, there faith has no power.” (The Prophet Joseph Smith, Lectures of Faith, SLC Deseret Book Co., 1985, p. 46)

Lehi’s dream concerning of the iron rod, (1 Nephi 8:2-33)

Elder Dallin H. Oaks said:

“... just because something is *good* is not a sufficient reason for doing it. The number of good things we can do far exceeds the time available to accomplish them. Some things are better than good, and these are the things that should command priority attention in our lives. ...

“We have to forego some good things in order to choose others that are better or best because they develop faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and strengthen our families.” (Dallin H. Oaks, “Good, Better, Best,” *Ensign*, Nov 2007, 104–8)

Helaman understood how important it is to build upon the Rock of our Redeemer. (Scripture changed to the feminine) He said;

And now, my [daughters] remember, remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation; that when the devil shall send forth his mighty winds, yea, his shafts in the whirlwind, yea, when all his hail and his mighty storm shall beat upon you, it shall have no power over you to drag you down to the gulf of misery and endless wo, because of the rock upon which ye are built, which is a sure foundation, a foundation whereon if [women] build they cannot fall. (Helaman 5:12)

President Thomas S. Monson said, Quote;

“Each... should remember that... she is a...daughter of God,
▪ endowed with faith,
▪ gifted with courage, and
▪ guided by prayer.” Close Quote. (Thomas S. Monson, “Choose you This Day,” *Ensign*, Nov. 2004, 67)

We cannot be casual with our testimony if we want our children’s testimonies to be valiant! (Steve Meek, paraphrased by Delores H. Pack)